

Nov 17 1823

My dear Sunny

Heaven knows how
 you have gone on with the allum bas-
 kets but I am annoyed to death. I sent in
 to a lady to know the quantity of logwood for
 I ought to put and her answer was that
 she had never in her life mentioned logwood
 to me but that cochineal would have the
 same effect. I had not time then to write
 to you and instead of returning home in
 a few days as I expected I stayed out a
 fortnight, since I came home I have tried
 two baskets and could not make either of
 them do well. The cochineal instead of turning
 to lilac makes a faint pink which is
 very pretty - I powdered it first very fine
 put some boiling water on it and poured it
 into the sauce pan ^{when nearly cold}. It is a gallon and a half.

of water I put as much cochineal as
came to a penny. After I wrote to you I
saw a basket at Mrs. Litch's which I
admired so much that it induced me to
try my luck. instead of being washed, it
was entirely covered with alum and very
faintly coloured with the logwood. if you
still wish to try logwood with yours you
had better mix certain quantities together
and see how it looks when dry - But no
doubt I shall see you soon and can tell
you more about it - I met the Lancasters
at a quadrille party at the Davenports -
I think Miss Lancaster plain and very
common and ungenteel looking. Mr.
Guideroy was there, the beau of the room -
He has been here this morning and I expect
him again tonight. Would you believe it
I quarrelled with him but I hope it is now

made up — for the defence of my character,
I must mention that he was quite in the
wrong — I don't know whether I men-
tioned that Miss Howcroft is going to
South America immediately.

I remain my dear girl
yours very affectionately
Frances Browne

Sunday Evening

